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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AKIHISA HORIUCHI

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For: ZOOM LENS AND OPTICAL
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits that the cited documents are publications corresponding to the priority applications of U.S. Patent No. 6,226,130 B1 (Mukaiya, et al.), which U.S. patent was relied upon in the January 31, 2003, Official Action. Abstracts for the cited documents were obtained from a commercial database and are also enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

Any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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